

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 4 of the original specification as filed to recite the following:

-- This is a continuation application of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/344,277, filed June 30, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,287,978 on September 11, 2001; which was a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/905,891, filed August 4, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,015,760 on January 18, 2000; which was a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/152,755, filed November 15, 1993, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,880,036 on March 9, 1999; which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/898,505, filed June 15, 1992, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,286,344 on February 15, 1994. Priority is hereby claimed to all of these applications. --